



WILSON TO AVOW WAR EXISTS WITH GERMANY

PRESIDENT TO OUTLINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR AMERICAN NAVY

Active Co-Operation at Sea With British and French Fleets One of Possibilities Considered by Administration

BUILD CHASERS TO CLEAR SEAS OF U-BOATS

U. S. Policy For Protecting American Lives and Property Will Take Definite Form Within Next Twenty-Four Hours

Washington, March 20.—Further steps to protect American lives and property against the warlike operations of German submarines are expected to take some more definite form after today's cabinet meeting. As has been the case since all official Washington acknowledged that a state of war practically exists between the United States and Germany, there is a wide range of speculation on the precise action President Wilson contemplates, but there is no official ground for any forecast.

To Enlist Women For Active Service in Navy if War Comes

Washington, D. C., March 20.—Secretary Daniels today ordered naval commandants at shore stations and all recruiting offices to be prepared to enlist women in the actual naval service in case of an emergency. While it is not intended to place women on ships, they may be utilized for shore duty in connection with coast defense work.

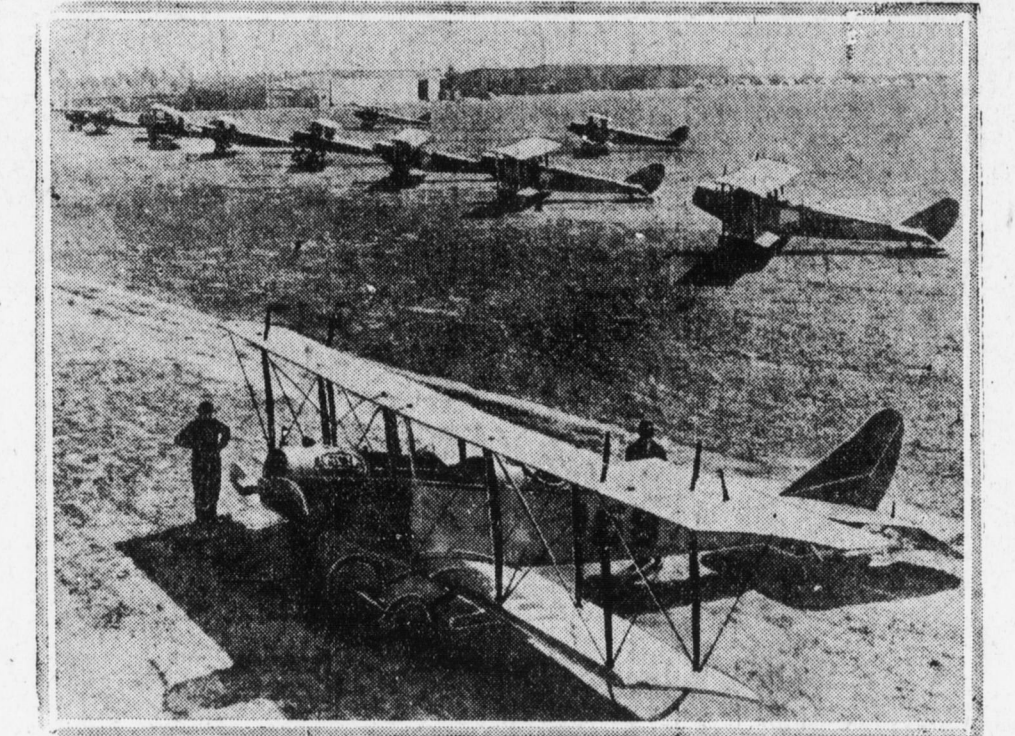
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT HEARING

The first of the series of hearings scheduled by legislation during the week was held in the hall of the House today, the Judiciary general committee of the Senate and House sitting to hear arguments in support of the bills to abolish capital punishment.

THE WEATHER

Forecasts till 8 p. m. Wednesday: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday, warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 40 degrees. Partly cloudy and warmer to-night. Wednesday fair. Moderate southwest winds.

U. S. AEROPLANE CAMP AT SAN DIEGO



Camp of the First Aero Squadron of the United States at North Island, San Diego, Cal. The planes, which are speedy and powerful fighting machines, have been assembled there for the first time. Daily flights are being made with them by army aviators, who are fast developing the proficiency shown by fliers at the European battle fronts.

WILSON REFUSES TO PUT EMBARGO ON WAR SUPPLIES

Carranza's Proposal to Shut Off Munitions Rejected as Unneutral. Preparations for carrying out the policy of armed neutrality to its fullest degree are being hurried in the Navy Department. The possibilities of their execution range even to active co-operation at sea with the British.

GERMAN VANDALS RUIN AND WRECK WITHOUT REASON

Blow Up Churches and Hack Fruit and Shade Trees For Pleasure. [From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.] British Headquarters in France, March 19, via London, March 20.—The deliberate character of the destruction wrought by the Germans before their withdrawal from Peronne is painfully evident in the once beautiful avenue of trees leading to the railway station. These trees were untouched by shell fire, but each one was hacked in two with axes and the gashes and chips show that the work was done within the last few days.

DIFFICULT TASK TO PUT 8-HOUR DAY IN EFFECT

Must Adjust Time Tables on Every Road; Men Will Receive \$13,000,000 Back Pay. New York, March 20.—Much hard work remains for the railroad managers and the brotherhood leaders as a result of yesterday's agreement, putting into effect an eight-hour day as from January 1. The task of fitting the new working day to the time schedules of every railroad in the country was taken up by a committee of the brotherhoods and a subcommittee of the railroad managers.

MAKE MOVE FOR HARDCRABBLE APPEAL TRIALS

City Solicitor Planning to Have Writs Issued Setting Down Cases For Jury Action. First steps toward the settlement of pending appeals from the awards of viewers of Hardcrabble properties, will probably be taken in Dauphin county court next Monday, City Solicitor John E. Fox announced today.

SENATOR PENROSE HERE FOR PURELY SOCIAL PURPOSE

Has No "Overt" Act in Mind; Unarmed and in Happy Mood, He Says. Senator Penrose, who arrived here at 1 o'clock this afternoon to attend the biennial dinner of the Pennsylvania Legislative Sons of St. Patrick tonight, declared that he did not come here to commit any "overt" act in the factional fight within the organization.

CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS IS NOW UNDER WAY

Large Delegation From This City and Surrounding Towns at Lewistown. To-day the Methodist ministers are gathering at Lewistown for the forty-ninth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Being one of the larger conferences of Methodism with a church membership something over \$7,000 and a Sunday school enrollment of more than 120,000, the annual meeting is an important affair to the followers of John Wesley.

Aviator's Pupils to Fly Over His Grave

New York, March 20.—Twelve pupils of Peter Carl Millman, one of the government's most capable aviation instructors, will fly over his grave tomorrow and drop flowers at the conclusion of Millman's funeral. Millman died Sunday night of pneumonia after five years' experience as an aviator and many spectacular flights without a serious accident. He was 22 years old.

Driscoll Returns to Complete Police Survey

Clement J. Driscoll, of the Bureau of Municipal Research, New York City, who conducted an investigation of the local police department, returned here this morning. He will finish the work and submit his report to the Chamber of Commerce.

Want More Authoritative Reports of Men in County Available For War Service

County Commissioners are considering plans for a more complete report on men in Dauphin county who will be available for military service should a call be issued by the government. Assessors' lists for 1916 showed that there are 25,168 men between the ages of 21 and 45 years who could be called to the colors.

POLITICAL CHANGE IN GERMANY IS THE SOCIALIST DEMAND

Democracy Must Supplant Prussianism Reichstag Leader Says in Berlin Newspaper

NEED NEW GOVERNMENT

No Reason to Wait Until War's Close to Give People Voice

Berlin, Monday, March 19, via London, March 20.—Philipp Scheidmann, Socialist leader in the Reichstag, says in the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts: "It does not require many words to explain why almost the whole world is arrayed against us. The answer is given quickly. The whole world sees among our enemies more or less developed forms of democracy, and in us it sees only Prussians. We have always answered by referring to the absolutism of Russia, but now czarism has gone and the Emperor's successor is to accept the throne only if the representatives of the people agree. These representatives are to be elected on the basis of universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage.

FRENCH CRUSH GERMAN LINE FOR BIG GAIN

More Than 1,000 Square Miles of Territory Yielded by Retreating Army; Little Resistance Offered to Allied Advance; Hindenberg Expected to Deliver Smashing Teuton Drive at Some Point on Western Front Where Preparations Are Being Made to Receive it

French troops, pushing hard on the heels of the retreating Germans, are to-day within striking distance of the "Hindenburg line" the supposed goal of their retiring foe. The milestones on this line are the historic towns of Lille, Cambrai, St. Quentin, Laon and La Fere. The troops of General Neville were rushing towards St. Quentin, Laon and La Fere. The troops of General Neville were rushing towards St. Quentin yesterday at a rate almost unprecedented in the present world war, and had reached a point within five miles of the city. Unless some unheralded factor has entered into the situation the French have by this time either entered St. Quentin or the German retreat has halted.

The British are advancing more slowly than the French, but nothing either in the official reports from Paris or London, or in the unofficial stories of newspaper correspondents at the front, indicates that either army has yet come in contact with the main German forces. The theory that the Germans propose to halt their retreat on the Hindenburg line has been put forward by military critics in the allied capitals, but there has been no indication from Berlin of the plans of the German general staff and the purpose and meaning of the dramatic retreat of the invaders of France remain shrouded in considerable mystery.

Releases German Army

French military observers estimate that the German retirement has already released 150,000 to 200,000 troops who are available for a long predicted counter offensive to be launched against the allied lines at some speculative point. The Paris newspapers regard some such move on the part of Von Hindenburg as almost certain and discuss the possibility of another tremendous effort to smash a way through to Calais.

U. S. VIRTUALLY AT WAR SAID AT CABINET MEETING

Washington, March 20.—Sentiment was generally expressed that the United States is virtually in a state of war when the cabinet members assembled for the afternoon meeting called by President Wilson to discuss means of combating the German submarine warfare.

TROLLEY STRIKERS RELEASED

Harrisburg — D. C. Greenly and A. H. Yungst, held on a charge of participating in attacks on cars of the Harrisburg Railways Company during the strike last summer, were acquitted late this afternoon by a jury in Dauphin county court.

TWO VESSELS SUNK

London, March 20.—The captain of the Norwegian sailing vessel, Collingwood, 1,042 tons gross, reports that his vessel was sunk on March 12 by a submarine, whose commander gave him ten minutes to abandon ship. Two hours before that time, he said, the submarine sunk the French sailing vessel, Jules Gomme, 2,595 tons gross.

BRUMBAUGH SIGNS SPANGLER BILL

Harrisburg — Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon affixed his signature to the Spangler bill which permits York county to build a new poorhouse.

GERMAN RETREAT SLOWS DOWN

London, March 20.—The pace of the German retreat seems to have slowed down considerably during the past 24 hours, due principally to the wild weather.

MURDERER ESCAPES JAIL

Birmingham, March 20.—David Overton, former clerk of the Madison county circuit clerk, convicted of having murdered Judge W. T. Lawler, escaped to-day from the Jefferson county jail. Overton is said to have escaped with six other prisoners, two of whom are under sentence of death.

MEMPHIS CREW LANDED

New York, March 20.—No lives were lost in the sinking of the American steamship, City of Memphis, in the German submarine zone. The boat which was missing, containing seven men, reach Glasgow safely.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard E. Goshon and Marlon Koerber Bates, Harrisburg. Henry Reynolds Butler and Eleonora Clark, Middletown. Frank Charles Hoffman, Harrisburg, and Elsie Lenora Long, Liverpool.